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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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11 GUILLERMO TRUJILLO CRUZ,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 BALLESTEROS,

15 Defendant.
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Case No. 1:20-cv-00124-AWI-BAM (PC)

ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S THIRD
MOTION FOR COPY OF ORIGINAL
COMPLAINT

(ECF No. 17)

17 Plaintiff Guillermo Trujillo Cruz ("Plaintiff") is a state prisoner proceeding *pro se* in this
18 civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

19 Plaintiff initiated this action on January 23, 2020. (ECF No. 1.) As the original complaint
20 lacked the required signature, on January 27, 2020, the Court ordered the original complaint
21 stricken from the record and directed Plaintiff to file a signed complaint. (ECF No. 4.) Plaintiff
22 properly filed a signed complaint on February 14, 2020.¹ (ECF No. 6.)

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25 ¹ On February 18, 2020, the Court issued findings and recommendations recommending that
26 Plaintiff's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* be denied pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g) and
27 that Plaintiff be ordered to pay the \$400.00 initial filing fee in full to proceed with this action.
28 (ECF No. 11.) Those findings and recommendations were served on Plaintiff and he was advised
that any objections were to be filed within fourteen (14) days. (*Id.*) Following the Court's partial
grant of Plaintiff's request for extension of time to file his objections, Plaintiff's objections are
currently due on or before March 30, 2020. (ECF No. 15.)

1 Currently before the Court is Plaintiff's third motion to obtain a copy of the original
2 complaint, filed March 13, 2020. (ECF No. 17.) As in his first motion, Plaintiff argues that he
3 requires a copy of the original complaint, with all supporting exhibits, in order to comply with the
4 Court's order for him to file a signed a complaint. (Id.) However, as noted above and in the
5 Court's order denying his first motion to obtain a copy of the original complaint, Plaintiff has
6 already submitted a properly signed complaint in this action, which was filed as the First
7 Amended Complaint in this action on February 14, 2020. (ECF No. 6.) As such, Plaintiff has not
8 provided a reason for the Court to provide him with a free copy of the original complaint.

9 Moreover, Plaintiff is reminded for the third time that the Clerk of the Court does not
10 ordinarily provide free copies of case documents to parties, and Plaintiff is responsible for
11 maintaining his own records for this proceeding. Further, even if Plaintiff were proceeding *in*
12 *forma pauperis* in this action, that status would not entitle him to free copies of documents from
13 the Court. E.g., Hullom v. Kent, 262 F.2d 862, 863 (6th Cir. 1959.) The Clerk charges \$0.50 per
14 page for copies of documents. See 28 U.S.C. § 1914(b). Copies of up to twenty pages may be
15 made by the Clerk's Office at this Court upon written request, prepayment of the copy fees, and
16 submission of a large, self-addressed stamped envelope.

17 Accordingly, Plaintiff's third motion for a copy of the original complaint, (ECF No. 17),
18 is HEREBY DENIED. Further motions to obtain free copies of documents in this action that do
19 not present new or different circumstances demonstrating good cause for the request will be
20 summarily denied.

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22 IT IS SO ORDERED.

23 Dated: March 18, 2020

24 /s/ Barbara A. McAuliffe
25 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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